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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2645

Introduced by Assembly Member Kuehl

February 23, 1998

An act to amend Sections 8922, 8925, and 8927 of the Education Code, relating to teenage pregnancy prevention.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2645, as amended, Kuehl. Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Grant Program.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to give the highest priority to awarding new and continuing funds for programs serving pregnant and parenting teens to those school districts, consortiums of school districts, or county superintendents that satisfy specified criteria and standards established by the State Department of Education.

Existing law establishes a grant program, until July 1, 2000, for teenage pregnancy prevention, targeted at pupils in elementary and secondary schools. Under this grant program, the superintendent is required to award grants for a period not to exceed 5 years, based on recommendations by the Healthy State Support Services for Children Program Council, to local educational agencies based on specified elements. Existing law requires each local educational agency

that receives a grant to submit a report to the superintendent, not later than July 1, 1999, that includes specified elements. Existing law also requires the superintendent to contract for an independent evaluation and to report that results of the evaluation and a summary of the reports by local educational agencies to the Governor and the Legislature by January 1, 2000.

This bill would extend the repeal date of that grant program to July 1, 2001. The bill would ~~change the maximum period for awarding those grants from 5 to 6 years~~ *provide that grants awarded pursuant to the program may be awarded for a period not to exceed 5 years of program operation*. The bill would change the date by which each local educational agency that receives a grant must report to the superintendent from July 1, 1999, to October 1, 2001 and would change the date by which the superintendent is to report, as prescribed, to the Governor and the Legislature from January 1, 2000, to April 1, 2002. The bill would extend the repeal date of the provisions requiring these reports to January 1, 2003.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8922 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 8922. Except as provided in Section 8927, this chapter
4 shall remain in effect only until July 1, 2001, and as of that
5 date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is
6 enacted before July 1, 2001, deletes or extends that date.

7 SEC. 2. Section 8925 of the Education Code is
8 amended to read:

9 8925. (a) The Legislature hereby establishes the
10 Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Grant Program designed
11 for pupils in elementary and secondary schools.

12 (b) The superintendent shall award grants based upon
13 the recommendations of the council.

14 (c) Grants shall be awarded for a period not to exceed
15 ~~six years~~ *five years of program operation*.

(d) Grant amounts awarded by the superintendent, in consultation with the council, shall be based on the benchmark of two hundred dollars (\$200) per youth, per year. However, each grant amount shall be determined based on the individual program, taking into account the following factors:

(1) The number of youths served.

(2) The kinds of support and educational services provided to the youths.

(3) The number of paid personnel and consultants necessary for the program.

(4) The training costs for the providers.

(5) Printing and promotion costs.

(6) Evaluation costs.

(7) Other direct costs, such as insurance, telephone, space, and photocopying.

(8) Whether parents or guardians are included in the grant.

(e) Grants may include one-time startup costs.

(f) Startup and ongoing grant awards may be used for, among other things, purchasing equipment and supplies, hiring staff, designing a program evaluation, or hiring a consultant.

(g) All local programs funded through the Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Grant Program shall:

(1) Be modeled after existing strategies designed for pupils in elementary and secondary schools that have been proven effective in delaying the onset of sexual activity and reducing the incidence of pregnancy among schoolage youth. The best method for an applicant for an initial or subsequent grant to show effectiveness is through presentation of persuasive evaluation data for the model or existing program. Examples of strategies found to be effective in delaying the onset of sexual activity and reducing pregnancy among schoolage youth include utilizing case management, providing age appropriate health education including abstinence education, increasing the sense of a positive future, raising self-esteem, and providing opportunity for improving decisionmaking and goal-setting skills.

1 (2) Have demonstrated readiness to begin operation
2 of a program or expand an existing teen pregnancy
3 prevention program.

4 (h) To the extent possible, in awarding grants the
5 superintendent shall give consideration to program
6 applicants that meet one or more of the following criteria:

7 (1) Are located in counties with the highest teenage
8 birthrates, or are located in geographical areas defined by
9 ZIP Codes in which there are high teenage birthrates.

10 (2) Will target youth before they become sexually
11 active.

12 (3) Will target youth with demonstrated risk factors,
13 including youth living in poverty, youth that have low
14 basic skills and academic achievement, youth that have
15 siblings or a parent who was a teenage parent, youth that
16 engage in multi-high risk behaviors such as alcohol use,
17 drug use, and sexual activity, youth having low
18 self-esteem, youth participating in sexual activity with
19 adult men, and youth that have been sexually victimized.

20 (4) Are programs that are age-appropriate, and
21 culturally and community sensitive for the target
22 population.

23 SEC. 3. Section 8927 of the Education Code is
24 amended to read:

25 8927. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that an
26 evaluation of the Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Grant
27 Program is both desirable and necessary, and,
28 accordingly, requires all of the following:

29 (1) No later than October 1, 2001, each local
30 educational agency that receives a grant shall submit a
31 report to the superintendent that includes:

32 (A) An assessment of the effectiveness of that local
33 educational agency in achieving stated goals, including
34 reducing teenage birthrates, delaying sexual activity, and
35 increasing high school completion rates.

36 (B) Problems encountered in the design and
37 operation of the grant program plan, including
38 identification of any federal, state, or local statute or
39 regulation that impedes program implementation.

40 (C) Client and practitioner satisfaction.

1 (2) The superintendent shall contract for an
2 independent evaluation of the effectiveness of funds
3 awarded under this chapter in assisting local educational
4 agencies in implementing the Teenage Pregnancy
5 Prevention Grant Program. No later than April 1, 2002,
6 the superintendent shall submit to the Governor and the
7 Legislature the results of the evaluation, and a summary
8 of the reports submitted to the superintendent pursuant
9 to subdivision (a).

10 (1) The evaluation shall focus on youth education,
11 health, and social measures, as appropriate, including, but
12 not limited to, birthrates, delayed sexual activity, school
13 attendance, academic performance, dropout rates, pupil
14 grades, birth weights, self-esteem, child protective
15 services referrals, family functioning, and school staff and
16 administration participation.

17 (2) Additional independent evaluations may be
18 conducted by the superintendent subject to additional
19 funding being made available for purposes of this chapter
20 in subsequent fiscal years.

21 (b) This section shall remain in effect only until
22 January 1, 2003, and as of that date is repealed, unless a
23 later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1,
24 2003, deletes or extends that date.

